

15. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 14, wherein a lure or a hook can be placed in said hollow space for storage.

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16. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 6, wherein said series of legs and said series of fasteners communicate with the rod of the fishing pole.

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17. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 1, wherein said first set of bars and said second set of bars is a means for wrapping a fishing line for storage or use.

18. The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 1, wherein said first set of bars and said second set of bars is a means for wrapping a rope or thread for storage or use.

REMARKS

PRIORITY

The priority claim was objected to under 35 U.S.C. 119 (e) for the current application was filed after 12 months from the provisional application. Please delete the claim for priority of the current application.

DRAWINGS

The drawings were objected to under 37 CFR 1.83 (a) because they failed to show the line holder in conjunction with the fishing rod and fishing line (containing hooks and

lures). The drawings were also objected to under 37 CFR 1.83 (a) because they failed to show the "indentations" mentioned in claim 11. The Applicant respectfully submits that Figure 1 has been amended to show the invention in conjunction with the fishing rod (shown in dotted lines), fishing line (shown strung around the first and second set of bars), and a lure and a hook. Amendments to Figure 1 have been red-lined. The applicant has cancelled claim 11. The applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are now in conformity. No new matter has been entered.

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SPECIFICATION

The specification was objected to for the informalities page 4, lines 2-3. The Examiner asserts that it was not clear what the Applicant was describing. Page 4 lines 2-5 has been changed to read the following: "The curvature of the sets of bars (70, 80) creates easy wrapping of the line upon reel in such a manner so the line will not be cut, rubbed or become tangled. The space between the bars (70, 80) is designed to be able to accept a hook once the leader string has been fully wrapped." The Applicant respectfully submits that the numbers have been changed from "40" to "70, 80" to properly reflect the invention and the figures. Applicant regrets the error. No new matter has been entered.

CLAIMS OBJECTIONS

Claims 17 and 18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C 112, second paragraph, for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which the applicant regards as the invention. The applicant respectfully submits that the word "legs" has been removed from claims 17 and 18 and the word "bars" has been inserted. The applicant

regrets the error. No new matter has been entered. The applicant respectfully asserts that claims 17 and 18 are now allowable.

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102 (b) as being anticipated by Dennison, U.S. Patent no. 4,606,512. The applicant respectfully submits that claim 1 has been amended in several ways to further distinguish the present invention from the relevant art. First, claim 1 now includes that the present invention is intended for fitting along a rod of a fishing pole. Second, claim 1 now includes that the present invention has a generally elongate first plane and second plane which are both parallel to the rod of the fishing pole (which follows because it fits along the length of the rod of the fishing pole). Third, claim 1 now includes that the present invention has a first set of bars which form a first circular region at a first end of said first plane, as well as a second set of bars which form a second circular region at a second end of said first plane. No new matter has been entered. Dennison does not fit in an elongate fashion along a fishing rod, but rather, Dennison is completely round. Further, Dennison does not have two distinct circular regions at separate ends of an elongate plane. The present invention is better suited than Dennison to employ because the present invention is less cumbersome and bulky due to its elongate shape. Claims 2-5 and 11 has been cancelled in the amended claims, and claims 6-8, 10, and 12-18 all depend from amended claim 1. The applicant respectfully submits that claims 1, 6-8, 10, and 12-18 are now allowable.

Claim 9 was rejected under 35 U.S.C 103 (a) as being unpatentable under Dennison. The applicant respectfully submits that claim 9 is dependent on amended claim 1, and is therefore now allowable.

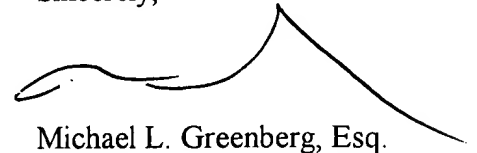
The Examiner is encouraged to telephone the attorney of record, Michael L. Greenberg, at 301-588-8393 should the claims not be deemed allowable for any reason.

This amendment is submitted within the shortened response period. Please also see the attached page of Marked Up claims, Marked Up Figure 1, and Marked Up Specification.

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I, Michael Greenberg, hereby certify that this Office Action response was mailed on July 24, 2002, via United States Postal Service First Class Mail Postage Prepaid to the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks, Washington, DC 20231.

Sincerely,



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MARKED UP SPECIFICATION

In the specification :

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Kindly amend Page 4 lines 2-5 to read,

“The curvature of the sets of bars ([40] 70, 80) creates easy wrapping of the line upon reel in such a manner so the line will not be cut, rubbed or become tangled. The space between the bars ([40] 70, 80) is designed to be able to accept a hook once the leader string has been fully wrapped.”

MARKED UP CLAIMS

1. A fishing line apparatus, for fitting along a rod of a fishing pole, comprising:
a generally elongate first plane;
a first set of bars, communicating with said first plane, forming a first circular region at a first end of said first plane;
a second set of bars, communicating with said first plane, forming a second circular region at a second end of said first plane;
a series of legs, communicating with said first plane, for attaching to the rod of the fishing pole; and
a generally elongate second plane, communicating with said ^{first} set of bars and said second set of bars;
wherein said first plane and second plane are generally elongate in parallel to the rod of the fishing pole.

Please cancel claims 2, 3, 4, and 5.

6. [A] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 1, further comprising a series of fasteners communicating with said series of legs.

7. [A] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 6, wherein said series of legs [,] and said series of fasteners communicate with a fishing rod.

8. [A] The fishing line apparatus as in claim 7, wherein said series of legs [,] and said series of fasteners removably communicate with [a] the fishing rod.

9. [A] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 1, further comprising two slits at opposite ends of said second plane for [further] securing [the] fishing line.

Please cancel claims 10 and 11.

12. [An] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim [10] 1, further comprising a hollow space between said first set of bars and said second [series] set of bars, communicating with said first and said second planes.

13. [An] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 12, wherein said first series of bars and second series of bars create curvatures from the middle to the exterior of said first and second planes.

14. [An] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 13, wherein a fishing line can be wrapped around said first series of bars and said second series of bars.

15. [An] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim 14, wherein a lure or a hook can be placed in said hollow space for storage.

16. [An] The fishing line apparatus as in claim [10] 6, wherein said series of legs[,] and said series of fasteners communicate with [a] the rod of the fishing [rod] pole.

17. [An] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim [10] 1, wherein said [series of legs] first set of bars and said second set of bars is a means for wrapping a fishing line for storage or use.

18. [An] The fishing line apparatus, as in claim [10] 1, wherein said [series of legs] first set of bars and said second set of bars is a means for wrapping a rope or thread for storage or use.